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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS SEMINAR  
MISSION, MAY 1978

1. PARTICIPANTS SOLICITATION FOR SUBJECT EVENT NOW UNDER-  
WAY. USDOC HOPING FOR SUPPORT OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY  
ASSOCIATION (EIA) IN APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, PLANNING  
SEMINAR TOPICS AND SELECTING SEMINAR MISSION PARTICIPANTS.  
EXTENT OF SUPPORT TO BE CLARIFIED WITH EIA WEEK OF JANUARY  
30 WHEN JOHN SODOLSKI, STAFF V.P. OF EIA'S COMMUNICATIONS  
DIV., RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS.

2. USDOC PROPOSES FOLLOWING SCHEDULE, ALLOWING TIME EACH  
STOP FOR TWO HALF-DAYS FOR SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND  
REMAINDER OF STAY FOR FULL SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS APPOINT-  
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MENTS. REQUEST POSTS COMMENTS/CONCURRENCES. (A) KHARTOUM-  
FOUR FULL DAYS. ARRIVE 1930 HOURS, SUNDAY, MAY 7 - DEPART  
0745 HRS., FRIDAY, MAY 12. (B) LIBREVILLE - TWO DAYS.  
ARRIVE 1125 HRS., SATURDAY, MAY 13. DEPART 1700 HRS.,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17. USDOC AWARE MAY 15 IS LOCAL HOLIDAY,  
BUT ANTICIPATE THAT 2 DAY SCHEDULE FOR LIBREVILLE WILL BE

SUFFICIENT. (C) ABIDJAN - THREE DAYS. ARRIVE 1955 HRS.,  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17. LEAVE 2050 HRS., MONDAY, MAY 22.

3. REQUEST POSTS ADVISE TOPICS OF INTEREST LOCALLY  
FOR USDOC USE IN SEMINAR PLANNING. IDEALLY, PROGRAM TO  
INCLUDE TOTAL EIGHT PAPERS.

4. PLEASE FURNISH ESTIMATE OF BUDGET REQUIRED FOCUSING  
SPECIFICALLY ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:  
(A) IDENTIFY FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR HOLDING SEMINAR  
AND INDICATE RENTAL COSTS FOR SEMINAR ROOM AND SEPARATE  
ROOM FOR BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER. IDEALLY, IF  
SPACE WITHIN EMBASSY OR USIS FACILITIES NOT AVAILABLE,  
SEMINAR SHOULD BE HELD IN SAME HOTEL WHERE MISSION  
MEMBERS WILL BE STAYING. PLEASE MAKE SPACE RESERVATION

WITHOUT FINANCIAL COMMITMENT. (B) WHERE NEEDED, IS  
SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT READILY AVAILABLE?  
WHAT ARE COSTS? (C) INDICATE COSTS FOR TEMPORARY HIRE  
OF SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST AND INTERPRETERS,

5. REQUEST POSTS MAKE ADVANCE HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS  
PER PARA 2 ABOVE FOR EIGHT SINGLES FOR SEVEN PARTICIPANTS  
AND ONE COMMERCE COORDINATOR. ALSO, PLEASE RESERVE ONE  
SUITE FOR USE OF SEMINAR CHAIRMAN/HOSPITALITY SUITE.  
CONFIRM RESERVATIONS MADE AND ADVISE RATES. CHRISTOPHER  
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